



# November News

PS 147  
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## First Grade Newsletter

### Reading

In November we will be learning about the world through informational text. We will be talking about what we already know about a topic, what we have learned, and asking ourselves what else do we want to know. We will be looking at parts of an informational book such as the table of contents, headings, bold words and diagrams. We will be using these text features to help support our reading and comprehension of informational texts.

### Writing

In November we will be working on our informational writing unit. We will be focusing on writing a how-to. A how-to is a step-by-step procedure on how to make or do something. We will be teaching someone how to do something using step-by-step directions. We will learn about introductions and conclusions to our writing too. We will also be continuing to stretch out words while we write.



### Social Studies

In November we continue to learn about how families and communities are important. Students will think why families are important and how they influence who we are. Students will also make the connection between families and communities to understand the importance of traditions, values, customs, languages, and how they influence one another.

### Science

In November we will continue to learn about animal and plant defenses. In this unit, students will continue to learn about structures and learn how to explain how a wide variety of animals and plants and their offspring defend themselves in order to survive. Students will be learning about what plants and animals need to survive and how plants and animals meet their needs.

### Japanese DLP Social Studies

In November, we will continue to talk about families. We will learn the importance of traditions, values, customs and languages by focusing on Japanese traditions and others.

### Science

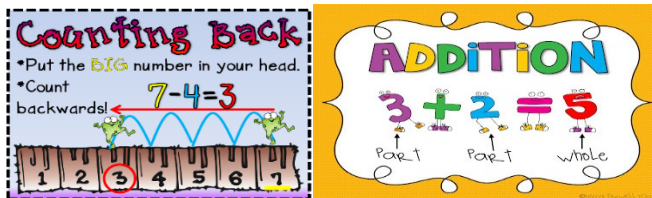
We will learn about animal and plant defenses. We will also learn what plants and animals need to survive. We will learn the vocabulary related to it and explain the key concept in Japanese.

## Math

In November, first graders will be finishing up their unit on addition strategies. Students will also be learning about subtraction strategies. In this unit we will be counting back to solve subtraction, using addition to subtract, making a ten to subtract and breaking apart numbers.

## Word Study:

We will be doing a variety of activities during word study. We will be practicing our letters and letter sounds to build a strong phonetic (letter-sound) foundation. We will also learn how to spell words by using all that we know about letter sounds. We will continue to practice writing sight words and learn new vocabulary words. We will engage in activities such as writing words in ABC order and writing words in sentences.



## Reminders:

- Please remember to complete homework every night.
- Your child should be reading every night for at least 20 minutes.
- Please sign your child's reading log every night.
- Please come to school every day on time.
- Our school collects "box tops for education." Please send in any you collect.
- If you wish for your child to eat breakfast in school, please be here by 7:15 am.

## Important Dates:

- **November 6:** Election Day - No School
- **November 9:** PS 147 Day - Wear school gear
- **November 12:** Veteran's Day - School is Closed
- **November 13:** World Kindness Day- Wear Yellow!!
- **November 20:** Character Education Assembly @ 9am in the Auditorium
- **November 21:** Comfy Cozy Day- Wear Pajamas
- **November 22-23:** Thanksgiving Recess - School is Closed
- **November 28:** Parents in the Classroom @8:15am followed by PTA Meeting @9am in the McKibbin Street Side Cafeteria (\*MS. CALMA'S CLASS WILL MEET IN THE LIBRARY - MS. LEPORE'S CLASS WILL REMAIN IN CLASSROOM)
- Teachers are available to meet with parents every Tuesday from 2:30- 3:00pm.